



AGRIBUSINESS INDUSTRY

REAL-TIME INDUSTRY SUMMARY

MAY 2026

2025 STATEWIDE LABOR ANALYSIS

There were nearly 5,000 online job postings for the Agribusiness industry from January 2025 to December 2025. The top occupation was *Maintenance and Repair Workers, General* making up 5.0 percent of total industry job postings for the time period.

The employers with the most job postings were MFA Inc., Simmons Prepared Foods, Tyson Foods Inc., and ADM.

TOP ONLINE JOB POSTINGS			
SOC Code	Description	Percent of total industry postings	Average Annual Wage
Now- requires short-term on-the-job training, little to no experience, and/or a high school diploma			
53-7062	Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	4.7%	\$39,900 ★
45-2092	Farmworkers & Laborers, Crop, Nursery, & Greenhouse	2.5%	\$38,770
51-3023	Slaughterers & Meat Packers	1.8%	\$42,850
45-2093	Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, & Aquacultural Animals	1.6%	\$39,550
37-3011	Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	1.3%	\$39,650
Next- requires a non-degree certificate, associate degree, apprenticeship, some experience, or moderate-to long-term training			
49-9071	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	5.0%	\$51,360 ★
53-3032	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	4.1%	\$54,480 ★
51-9199	Production Workers, All Other	4.0%	\$42,720
51-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers	2.6%	\$72,460
49-1011	First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	2.4%	\$79,690
Later- requires a bachelor's degree or higher			
11-1021	General & Operations Managers	1.2%	\$101,060 ★
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	1.1%	\$80,160 ★
11-3051	Industrial Production Managers	1.1%	\$118,370
19-5011	Occupational Health & Safety Specialists	1.1%	\$88,920
11-3031	Financial Managers	0.8%	\$152,020

★ Denotes the top 10 occupations by total number of projected openings from 2022-2032 in Now, Next, and Later categories

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Across the state, there are numerous programs in many locations that train for occupations in the Agribusiness industry. To find degree and certificate programs at an educational institution near you, visit [MoSCORES](#), a tool designed to assist job seekers, students, career counselors, educators, and planners with a better understanding of training options and typical work outcomes of graduates, for traditional degree programs as well as noncredit credentials. In addition, there are U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship programs for Agribusiness occupations in Missouri. Visit [Apprenticeship Missouri](#) for more information.

TOP ONLINE JOB POSTINGS

TOP 10 COMMON SKILLS

Communication
Operations
Management
Leadership
Detail Oriented
Troubleshooting (Problem Solving)
Problem Solving
Customer Service
Sales
Computer Literacy

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Several soft skills, such as Communication, Leadership, and Problem Solving, ranked in the top 10 requested common skills. Communication skills were requested in over two-fifths (41%) of Agribusiness total job postings.

TOP 10 SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Lifting Ability
Machinery
Packaging And Labeling
Personal Protective Equipment
Forklift Truck
Continuous Improvement Process
Sanitation
Good Manufacturing Practices
Food Safety And Sanitation
Auditing

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Top specialized skills included Lifting Ability, Machinery, and Packaging and Labeling.

TOP 10 SOFTWARE SKILLS

Operating Systems
SAP Applications
Spreadsheets
Inventory Management System
Salesforce
Power BI
Human Resources Information System (HRIS)
Tableau (Business Intelligence Software)
Dashboard
Inventory Control Systems

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Microsoft Office and its products, such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access, are the most requested software skills across all industries. Other skills requested in the Agribusiness industry include Operating Systems, SAP Applications, and Spreadsheets.

TOP 10 QUALIFICATIONS

Valid Driver's License
Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
Forklift Certification
Pesticide Applicator License
Hazmat Endorsement
Pallet Jack Certification
Master Of Business Administration (MBA)
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Cert.
First Aid Certification
Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Point (HACCP) Cert.

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The top requested certificates included Valid Driver's License and Commercial Driver's Licenses.

Sources:

- LightCast™
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics, 2024
- 2022-2032 Employment Projections published by Missouri Economic Research and Workforce Information Center (MERIC), 2025

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